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TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS:

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MANUEL VAL

1. MR. MANUEL VAL, MANAGER OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WILL BE TRAVELLING IN EUROPE FOLLOWING THE ITINERARY IN PARAGRAPH 3. VAL HAS REQUESTED POSTS' ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS DEALING IN VETERANS AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO COMPARE FOREIGN VETERANS BENEFITS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION WITH SIMILAR SERVICES IN THE U.S.

2. MR. VAL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND THEY WILL HANDLE THEIR OWN TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGMENTS. HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT POSTS UPON ARRIVAL. PLEASE  
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ASSIST IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS AND EXTEND APPROPRIATE

COURTESIES IF REQUESTED. WHEN VAL'S SCHEDULE INDICATES A STOPOVER OF SEVERAL DAYS DURATION, POSTS MIGHT WISH TO AVOID MAKING FIRM APPOINTMENTS UNTIL CONTACTED BY VAL UPON ARRIVAL. THIS WOULD PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING AND ALLOW LEEWAY FOR SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS. FOR PARIS: VALS PRIMARY CONTACT IN PARIS IS WILLIAM COOPER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT HIM BEFORE ANY APPOINTMENTS ARE SCHEDULED.

3. ITINERARY: PARIS APRIL 22 TO 26; MADRID APRIL 27 TO 29; BRUSSELS MAY 7 TO 8; THE HAGUE MAY 9 TO 10; BONN MAY 11 TO 12; BERLIN MAY 13; VIENNA MAY 14; TRIESTE MAY 15; BELGRADE MAY 17 TO 18; FLORENCE MAY 18 TO 21; ROME MAY 22 TO 24; BERN/ZURICH MAY 26.

4. FYI: THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS STAFF HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. VAL. RUSH

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